

DR. AND MRS. JOHNSON BACK FROM NEW ENGLAND

Go by Boat to New York and Take
Interesting Trip Through
North.

DANCE AT OLD POINT COMFORT

Camping Party Returns From Trip
in Maryland—Mr. and Mrs. Weisiger, of Atlanta, Are Visiting
Friends Here.

Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Cary Johnson and their daughter, Miss Elinor Johnson, have just returned to their home at Union Theological Seminary, after a charming trip through the North. They made the journey to New York by boat and spent a week in that city. In New York a noted English literary critic spoke at length upon the charm and literary merit of the writings of James Branch Cabell, the Richmond author, and went into detail concerning the ability and style of this novelist.

Dr. and Mrs. Johnson and Miss Johnson also visited Boston and many historic places of interest in Massachusetts, and stayed in quaint old Copley Square during their visit to Boston. After a boat trip down Long Island Sound to New York the party went to Atlantic City, returning to Richmond on Monday.

Visiting Here.
Mr. and Mrs. David J. Weisiger, of Atlanta, Ga., are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Duval, in South Richmond, and will later spend a short time with Mrs. Fitzgerald on Porter Street. Mr. and Mrs. Weisiger will leave shortly for Los Angeles, Cal., where they will spend some time with Mr. and Mrs. Owen Lair.

Leaving Town.
Miss Mabel Leidy, of Libby Hill Park, is visiting Miss Lillian Worthington at her home in Baltimore for a stay of several weeks. After her visit in Baltimore Miss Leidy will go to Pen Mar, Pa., and Atlantic City.

Miss Grace V. Bowles and her brother, Howard H. Bowles, of Richmond, have left for New York, where they will be the guests of their uncle, Duncan Bowles, at his country estate for the next few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Chamberlain and their daughter, Josie, of this city, left this week for an automobile tour through the Northern States. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. D. J. O'Neill and their daughter, Elizabeth.

Camping Party.
Says the Baltimore Sun yesterday: "A camping party returning Monday after spending the week-end on the Severn River, chartered by Mr. and Mrs. Bolling, of Barton, included Miss Anne W. Martin, Miss Ruth N. Martin, Miss M. Dorothy Bentley, Miss Katharine D. Bentley, Miss Marian Shriver, Miss M. Cowardin, formerly of Richmond, and Miss Earle, Bernard Shriver, and Miss Dorothy Bentley. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. D. J. O'Neill and their daughter, Elizabeth."

Concerning Mrs. Bethel.
Miss Grace W. Bethel, of Richmond, who is spending several weeks in Charlotte, N. C., visiting her mother, Mrs. R. M. Oates, at her home on North Tenth Street, will leave the first week in August for New York to spend a week or more studying voice with David Bispham. Mrs. Bethel is one of the South's most gifted singers. She has sung in many of the leading churches in Virginia. Her musical talent is well known and she was prominently identified with the musical life of Norfolk for a number of years.

In Harrisonburg.
Miss Cora White McGee, traveling secretary of the Young Women's Christian Association in West Virginia and Ohio, arrived Saturday in Harrisonburg, and is a guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. McGee. Miss McGee is also visiting in Harrisonburg this week.

At Old Point Dance.

Among those dancing at the Saturday evening ball at the Chamberlain Hotel were Dr. and Mrs. J. Kennedy Corra, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph B. Weaver, Mr. and Mrs. Courtney S. Welton, Mrs. F. D. Willis, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Steeper, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Ayler, Jr., Misses Eliza and Virginia Holt, of Staunton; Dorothy Whitehead, of Wilson, N. C.; Otis Vincent, of Athens, Ga.; Nina Walker, of Richmond; Lillian Hickman, of Georgia; Wilma Hickman, of Birmingham, Ala.; Ollie Mae Enlow, of New York; Gladys Willis, of Norfolk; Dorothy and Anna Booker, Virginia Montague, Virginia Mason, Margaret and Isabelle Dudley, Elizabeth Hastings, Martha Lee and Jeanette Cooksey, of Hampton; Bessie Richardson, of Richmond; Bessie and Norma Woodward, of Richmond; Elizabeth Leidy, of Smith, Margaret Jenkins, Julia Robinson, Genevieve Shute, Flora Lash, Theodore Harwood, Ella Davis, Alma Barham, of Newport News; Elsie Curtis, of Lee Hall, Darglas and Coleman Curtis, of Lee Hall, Horatio H. Slater, Slater Montague, Taylor Holtzclaw, Edgar Outten, William Keaton, Clarke and Harry Kimberly, William Huggins, William N. Cooksey, Jr., Leonard Cumming Haw, Fletcher Woodward, Warren Howard, of Hampton; Keith Ribble, of Athens, Ga.; Raymond Batten, of Smithfield; Roy Campbell, Randolph Gilliam, Nell and Randolph Scott, Harry Bray, Stuart Andrews, Alfred Stuart, William C. Stuart, Jr., Edwin Phillips, Lewis Semmes, Morgan Patton, Brockenbrough Woodward, Humphrey Bryan, Torbi Hermannrud, Daryle E. Herrick, James C. Bahr, J. P. Kiesecker, Elliott Parker, Angelo Jennings and Mr. Gross, of Newport News.

Watermelon Feast.

An enjoyable watermelon feast was given last week at the Pocahontas Cottage, Virginia Beach, in honor of the birthday of Guy Via, of Charlottesville. A number of gifts were presented. J. M. Lea, of Danville, being the speaker. Those present were Mrs. G. H. Guerrant, Miss Eleanor Guerrant, Miss Alice Lea, Miss Inza Lea, of Danville; Mrs. Rose, Mrs. L. H. Felt, Miss Ada Felt, Miss Florence Norfleet; Thomas Lea, Hunter Lea, of Danville; Russell Bethel, of Richmond, and Mr. Dickerson, of Charlottesville.

IN AND OUT OF TOWN.

Mrs. Robert Carter Nelson will return to the Hanover Thursday, after spending some time in Atlantic City.

Miss Louise Bolton, of this city, is visiting Mrs. Branch Johnson at her home in Norfolk.

Miss Helen Martin is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Saunders Hobson, before leaving for "Castle Hill."

Nelson Ingram has returned to Richmond, after spending some time at Virginia Beach.

Miss Louise Kellogg, of Ginter Park, is the guest of Dr. and Mrs. D. Clay Lilly at Montreat, N. C., for two weeks.

Miss Jeanie Simpson, who has been visiting Miss Margaret Britt at her cottage at Cape Henry, has returned to Richmond.

Ralph and Edith Whitlock are spending this week at the Arlington Hotel, Virginia Beach.

John Potts has gone to Powhatan County, where he is the guest of friends.

V. B. Hall has returned to the city, after several weeks' stay with Clyde

SKETCH FROM LIFE -- By Temple



"His Check"

Wash at his mother's summer home, near Beaver Dam.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas S. Macon, of Richmond, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Macon at the University of Virginia.

Mrs. R. A. White, of Danville, is at St. Luke's Hospital, in this city, for treatment.

Misses Bettina and Gretchen Upshur have returned to Richmond, after visiting their aunt, Mrs. L. G. Harvey, in Newport News.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Hamlin, of 1620 West Main Street, have left for a stay of several weeks at Mount Elliott.

Misses Grace Elizabeth and Marian Nisly, who have been visiting friends in Richmond and Norfolk, have returned to their home at Paradise, Cantonville, Md.

Mrs. Fanny Tucker, of this city, is spending some time with the Misses Vaden at "Buck Hill."

Miss Louise Steinbrock, of this city, is visiting Miss Catherine Christian at her home in Newport News.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Kendrick are spending some time at the Buffalo Lithia Springs.

William Waldron, who spent the week-end in this city, has returned to Norfolk.

Mrs. Traylor and her daughter, Miss Ethelbert Traylor, have returned to Richmond, after a visit to Mrs. E. W. Christian in Newport News.

Miss Marion Audley Carroll has returned to her home, after a two weeks' visit to relatives and friends in Roanoke.

Mrs. Joel W. Daniel and her daughter, Mrs. S. A. Anderson, and Misses Laylton and Bessie Anderson, of 2325 West Grace Street, are spending the summer at Castle Hill, near Lexington.

Miss Elizabeth Gwatkin, of this city, who has been the guest of Mrs. J. A. C. Groner in Norfolk, is now visiting Miss Empsie Smith at Willoughby Beach.

Mrs. William Chase Hull and her daughter, Miss Katherine and Theo. Frances Hull, will return this week from a visit to Buckroe Beach, where they have been for several weeks.

Mrs. Charles Clifford Michie and her little daughter and son, Grace and Charles Michie, will return Saturday from a month's stay at Buckroe Beach.

Miss Sara Cohen, of Washington, is the guest of the Misses Oppleman at their home in South Richmond.

Miss Ruth Mills with a party of friends has returned to the city from Ocean View.

Covington—Coleman.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

LYNCHBURG, Va., July 27.—Miss Ada J. Coleman and Charles R. Covington, of Crewe, were married this morning at the parsonage of Trinity Methodist Church, the pastor, Rev. J. F. Finch, officiating. Only attendants were Miss Ora Coleman, sister of the bride, and Mr. Stanley H. Covington, a brother of the groom.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Coleman, of this city. Mr. Covington is a son of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Covington, of this city, and he is connected with the division offices of the Norfolk and Western at Crewe.

After an extended Western trip Mr. and Mrs. Covington will be at home at Crewe after August 20.

Harnsberger—Eastham.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

HARRISONBURG, Va., July 27.—Miss Nettie Eastham, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Eastham, and George S. Harnsberger, a young Harrisonburg attorney, son of the late Captain J. Samuel Harnsberger, were married here this evening. The pastor, Rev. H. S. Osburn, performed the ceremony. A. K. Fletcher, Jr., was best man, and Miss Katherine Williamson maid of honor.

The other attendants were Henry Dold, Newman C. C. Price, Mr. T. C. Firebaugh and Laird L. Conrad. The flower girls were Misses Katherine Wilson and Virginia Olhausen.

Richmond Boy Making Good.
Through Howard Bruce, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Bruce, of this city, the firm of Bartlett-Hayward Company, of which he is vice-president, has secured a large order to manufacture war munitions in Baltimore for Great Britain.

Howard is a former Richmond boy, and his friends will be glad to know he is making good. He is preparing to enlarge the plant to care for future orders in war supplies.

CAUTION
Avoid Substitutes
HORLICK'S
Malted Milk
For Infants, Invalids,
Aged and Travelers
No Country Branding in Water Only
Beware of Imitations
H. B. H. & CO. MILK CO.
MILWAUKEE, WIS., U.S.A.

SOUTHERN RAILWAY IS MOVING 10,000 HORSES

Shipment for French Army to Be
Made by Way of Pinners
Point.

MANY MULES GOING ABROAD

Heavy Movement of Georgia Peach
Crop—Convictions for Trespassing
on Chesapeake and Ohio—South-
ern Railway Earnings.

Arrangements have been made by the Southern Railway to handle 10,000 horses, purchased for the French government, for delivery at Pinners Point, Norfolk, at which port the animals will be loaded on ocean steamers for transportation to French ports. These horses will come from Western concentration points.

The movement has already started, but the bulk of the shipments are yet to come. The Southern has just completed the erection of new stock pens, chutes, and other facilities at Pinners Point for loading the animals on the steamers. Hereafter, the greater part of the shipments of horses over the Southern have been turned over to the Chesapeake and Ohio at Richmond, but the movement of purchases for the French government will give the Southern the advantage of a long haul, the route being by way of Selma, Ala., and Spencer.

The animals are principally artillery horses and mounts for the French cavalry, and the average purchase price is estimated at \$250.

While the shipments of horses over the Chesapeake and Ohio to Newport News have dropped off to some extent, the difference has been fully made up by increases in the number of mules handled. From a revenue standpoint, the handling of mules is more remunerative.

The heavy movement of the Georgia peach crop over the Southern Railway continues. At midnight Monday, 2,659 carloads had been handled since the season opened, against 2,497 for the same time last year. The daily average of peach trains were handled. The trains average thirty cars each.

More than 300 convictions for trespassing on Chesapeake and Ohio Railway trains between Richmond and Norfolk have been secured within the last six weeks. The force of special agents has been increased in order to cope with the augmented number of trespassers, which have appeared this summer. There have been numerous accidents, several of them resulting fatally, in which the trespassers have figured, and the company is making special efforts to break up, or at least reduce the number of offenders.

L. L. Scherer, general claim agent of the Chesapeake and Ohio, in commenting on the increase in the number of trespassers, says that many boys make a practice of riding freight trains for short distances and it frequently results that they get hurt and sometimes lose their lives. The company urges the co-operation of parents and the public generally in enforcing the law against trespassers.

The earnings of the Chesapeake and Ohio for the second week in July show an increase of \$72,307 over the same period last year, and for the two weeks ending July 14 a gain of \$125,710.

Convicts are being used in railway construction work on two roads in North Carolina, on which the State had promised aid. There are 250 at work on the Elkin and Alleghany, which is building up the eastern slope of the Blue Ridge and will cross the mountain through a gap 3,300 feet above sea level. On Watauga River and Yadkin Valley Railroad, which will run to Boone, N. C., and cross the Blue Ridge at a pass 4,000 feet above sea level, there are 175 convicts working. Boone is the highest county seat east of Denver.

Comptroller A. H. Plant, of the Southern Railway, reports the earnings of the system for the third week in July at \$1,140,949; last year, \$1,286,123, a decrease of \$145,174.

PRYOR RENEWS PETITION FOR EXECUTIVE PARDON

Writes Governor Stuart That He
Did Not Get a Fair
Trial.

NO ACTION IN CANTER CASE

Chief Executive Will Await Final
Disposition of Appeal by Supreme
Court—Elli Johnson Is Paroled on
Petition of Trial Judge.

"I heard you was back" was the greeting sent Governor Stuart yesterday morning in a letter from Ed Pryor, the Surry County negro sentenced to die in the electric chair on September 10 following his conviction on a charge of highway robbery. Pryor is in the City Jail for safe keeping, pending his removal to the penitentiary, and he has been anxiously awaiting the return of the Governor from San Francisco so that he could lay before the executive his plea for clemency. No one was more delighted at the Governor's return than this negro, who feels that he is already in the shadow of death.

When he read in the papers Sunday morning that the Governor had reached the city safely, Pryor expressed great relief, for he was worrying for fear that his time would come before the Governor could give his case due consideration. He has been deluged with letters from friends, and has received many messages, communications sent by messenger, and verbal pleas transmitted through friends, but when he learned that the Governor was back he at once addressed him a communication marked "personal."

GOVERNOR WILL CONSULT
JUDGE WHO TRIED CASE

"That awful day is fast approaching," Pryor informed the Governor, "and you must do something to save me. I was convicted on 'evidentiary' evidence entirely and that illegal, as you probably know. I don't see how you can resist my plea in view of the much interest in this community about my case. I am an innocent man and didn't get a fair trial."

Pryor has indicated in his letters that he will be satisfied if the Governor sees fit to do no more than commute his sentence to life imprisonment. Anything but "that chair," he says.

The Governor will look into the merits of Pryor's plea and communicate with Judge Jesse F. West, who presided over the trial in the Circuit Court of Surry County last spring, and convicted several months ago, and the jury fixed the punishment at death in the electric chair. Judge West granted him a new trial and the verdict was the same. A motion for a third trial was overruled.

NO FURTHER ACTION
IN CASE OF JAMES CANTER

No action will be taken by the Governor in the case of James Canter, sentenced to die in the electric chair for complicity in the murder of Mrs. Wilson in Washington County last spring, pending the decision of the Supreme Court. A reprieve of sixty days was granted Canter some time ago. His brother, Luther Canter, was executed following his conviction of the Wilson murder, and five minutes before going to the chair he made a statement in which he exonerated his brother of any complicity in the crime.

Elli Johnson, serving a term of twelve months in the Elizabeth City County Jail following his conviction in October, 1914, of assault and battery, was yesterday paroled by order of Governor Stuart in the custody of the manager of the street railway system at Hampton. Judge Clarence Robinson and Commonwealth's Attorney Montague indorsed the application for parole.

FOUR MONTHS IN JAIL.
John Thomas, colored, was sentenced to four months in jail yesterday when convicted of smashing a showcase of the Hat Company, 404 East Marshall Street, and stealing a \$3 hat.

COUNCIL HAS NO POWER TO ALLOW GRADE DAMAGES

Administrative Board Has Sole Jurisdiction in Handling Claims of This Character.

ANDERSON SUBMITS OPINION

Holds That Redress Can Be Obtained by Property Owners Only by Appeal to Hustings Court, After Action by Board.

In an opinion transmitted yesterday afternoon to the Council Committee on Claims, Assistant City Attorney George Wayne Anderson informs that body that neither it nor the Council has the power to entertain claims for damages arising from grades changed by the Administrative Board, and that the last-named body alone is authorized by the charter to make settlements for such damages.

The ruling is one of the most important that has been handed down by the City Attorney's office since the creation of the board. It will have the effect of relieving the Claims Committee of a mass of business which has been accepted hitherto under a mistaken interpretation of the amended charter, and which has clogged the committee's calendar to the delay of other business.

COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE
HAVE EXCEEDED AUTHORITY

In the light of Colonel Anderson's ruling, it is clear that the Claims Committee, as well as the Council, have on a number of occasions in the past exceeded their authority in allowing and awarding grading damages after such damages had been denied by the board. According to the ruling presented to the committee, appeal from the Administrative Board's awards can be taken only to the Hustings Court.

While the ruling will eliminate from the committee's docket all claims arising from grades established by the Administrative Board, it will not preclude the committee's consideration of claims arising from grades established before the board was created.

Such claims will still continue to be considered by the Claims Committee and the Council.

In answer to the committee's request for a ruling on its jurisdiction in this matter, Colonel Anderson submitted the following written opinion:

First, under Rule 30 of the City Council, no claim for damages should be referred to the committee unless in writing and verified by oath or affirmation.

Second, any claim to grade damages properly before the committee should be first referred by it to the Administrative Board in accordance with subdivision 3 of Rule 30.

Third, since the Act of Assembly approved March 12, 1912, and the amendment of Section 30-g of the city charter, approved February 28, 1914, no claim of grade damages where the grade is changed by the Administrative Board, should come before the Council or the committee at all, for the act of 1912 requires the board itself when it changes a grade, to ascertain what, if any, damages are suffered by the abutting owners.

In making such determination, the Administrative Board acts as a court, and the appeal of dissatisfied parties is to the Hustings Court of the city and not to the Council. For the Council or the committee, therefore, to entertain claims, when based upon a change of grade order by the board, will be equivalent to the Council setting aside the proceedings of a court and granting redress when it has been judicially ascertained according to law, what, if any, damages have been suffered.

If any such claim finds its way to the committee, it should be referred to the Administrative Board, under Rule 30, and upon the report of the board that it has passed upon the claim, the committee and the Council should reject the same and leave the petitioner to his remedy at law.

Fourth, if by any chance such a claim

comes before the committee, which has not been passed upon by the Administrative Board in its capacity as a court to assess damages (and I cannot see how this could happen), the claim should be referred to the board, under Rule 30, and acted upon by the committee in the light of the report of the board.

COUNCIL CANNOT ACT AS APPELLATE BODY

It is positively and distinctly not within the scope of the power of the committee, or of the Council itself, to act as an appellate body from the action of the Administrative Board in assessing grade damages under the act of March 12, 1912, or from the decision of the court on an appeal from said board. The remedy afforded by the statute above referred to is exclusive—that is, the Council has no power under the charter of the city of Richmond, to grant relief in such cases.

The committee voted to send back to a subcommittee for further consideration the claim of J. H. Leonard, who asks for damages in the sum of \$1,500 because a new grade established by the city for Louisiana Street, between Union and Tenth streets, left his lot, which fronts thirty feet on Louisiana Street, high in the air. The lot is assessed on the city books at \$120.

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